

WAR SECRETARY PRAISES WOMEN

Baker's Speech Wins Favor of Suffragists Meeting in Washington AID VITAL IN CRISIS

By MLISS WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. Guns have been turned on Secretary of War Baker recently in the matter of machine guns, but suffrage howlers are leveled the other way. The only missiles the "suff" are prepared to shoot at him are verbal bouquets and much gratification.

The Secretary of War conferred with the delegates of the National American Woman Suffrage Association convention here and their friends at the Theatre last night, and he said things, big significant things, which made their ears burn and their eyes gladden.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo sat on the platform and applauded the Secretary of War with almost as much vigor as he applauded his charming wife, the daughter of the President, Mrs. Eleanor Wilson McAdoo, who also spoke to the women.

"BIG NIGHT FOR 'SUFF'" "Although it was a big night for the 'suff'."

"If all the women in America were to stop doing the work they are doing," Mr. Baker said, "if they were to stop making the contributions they are making—industrially and otherwise—we'd have to withdraw from this war."

Mr. Baker said, "I am very glad to see that it is a political philosophy and that it is a rule of action. Now the thing I want to point out about democracy tonight is the fact that it is not an accomplished thing, but it is a process of growth. It is an endless series of steps."

"The loud applause indicated that the women construed the speaker to mean that the best way possible to which their conduct as individuals could be adapted would be gained by their enfranchisement."

DEMOCRACY MUST ADVANCE Mr. Baker then declared that the democracy of 1789 could not be the democracy of 1917.

WILL SHE NEVER START IT?



HIGH COST OF FISH BLAMED ON GULLS

Sea Birds Destroy Bait, Clams and Crabs, Says Jersey "Foe of Birds"

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 15.—Senator Emerson L. Richards, Republican majority leader and a lieutenant of Governor Edge, has received a draft of a bill supported by coast fishermen and oyster-belt owners, to authorize the killing of sea gulls, which are charged with indirect responsibility for the prevailing scarcity and high price of fish in city markets.

The birds have become so numerous under the protection of a law which prescribes a penalty of \$20 for each gull killed, that they have virtually destroyed the soft clam supply of bait for deep-sea fishermen. Clams have jumped from \$1 to \$2 per barrel as a result, and many cod fishermen say they cannot afford to pay the new price.

It is charged also that during the summer season the gulls, in their search for food, feed upon soft crabs, forming a source of large profit for fishermen, and hit the latter's food supply further by feasting upon bay clams.

The fishermen and baymen would square the account by killing the gulls and selling their feathers, contending that the belief that they serve an important purpose by acting as scavengers, which procured them the law's protection, is a fallacy.

PATTERN SHOP BLAZE CAUSES \$100,000 LOSS Bradford Concern's Building Quickly Destroyed—Was Working on War Orders

BRADFORD, Pa., Dec. 15.—The pattern shop of the E. R. Caldwell & Co. plant was burned today with a loss of \$100,000, partly insured.

The flames were discovered just after the gas engine was started and quickly spread to all parts of the wooden structure. The entire first department of the city responded to a general alarm, but the building was beyond saving.

TRIAL OF MEANS MAY CONCLUDE LATE TODAY

COURT and Jurors Exhausted by Long-Winded Arguments of Counsel

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 15. Gaston B. Means, on trial for his life for the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, will not know the verdict until late tonight, if then.

When court opened this morning Attorney Candler, closing the argument for the defense, seemed to be at least two hours from conclusion. Candler's voice faltered but he did not stop as a matter of course an adjournment was granted by the judge. Campbell Caldwell will follow Candler and will close the argument for the state.

City Troop Armory Parcel Post Annex "Farmer-to-Consumer" Auto-truck Line to Baltimore Will Start Tomorrow

Superintendent of Mails Johnson announced today that the postoffice has temporarily taken over the armory of the "City Troop" as an annex to the sub-station at Twenty-second and Market streets, in connection with the "farmer to consumer" parcel post line to be established tomorrow between Baltimore and Philadelphia by means of automobile trucks.

U. S. ALLOTS MONEY FOR EDUCATIONAL USE Eighteen States Comply With Law for Vocational Instruction. \$559,417.96 Is Awarded

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A total of \$559,417.96 in Federal grants of money will be allotted to eighteen States under the vocational education act when the Federal Board for Vocational Education meets December 21.

Another Probe Coming in Navy Department House Committee Announces Inquiry Into Expenditures of Money

PRICE OF SILVER MAY BE SET AT \$1

Small Operators Declare They Cannot Mine Profitably at Smaller Figure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. A price of \$1 per fine ounce will in all probability be fixed as the price of silver, it was learned at the Treasury today. The present market price of the silver is 85 cents.

Woman Help as Shoplifter Arrested in New York for Alleged Theft in This City

Miss Sarah Mitchell, thirty years old, attractive and sturdily portly, who said her home was at Forty-second street and Third avenue, New York, was held in \$1000 bail for court by Magistrate Watson in Central Station today.

Will Discuss Farm Labor The solution of the farm labor problem will be the subject of discussion at a meeting to be held at Philadelphia Normal School for Girls, Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Women Soldiers Sing as They Go to Death COPENHAGEN, Dec. 13. Women soldiers are playing an important role in the Russian civil war.

Dirt Wanted 63d St. & Passyunk Ave. Hog Island Branch Penna. R. R. 23 cents per double team load paid for clean filling material. Apply on the work or to T. F. RELLY, 20th N. GILL Ave., 60th St. & Elmwood Ave.

DESERTER SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON



Heaviest Penalty Imposed by Camp Meade Court-Martial Approved by Gen. Nicholson

CAMP MEADE, Admiral, Md., Dec. 15. Private Lawrence W. Trefethen, Tenth Company, 154th depot brigade, who deserted the Seventy-ninth division on October 10, must serve twenty years in the United States disciplinary barracks at Fort Jay, New York.

Slay Woman, Fearing Exposure of Spy Plot Justice Department Agents Establish Motive for Murder of Mrs. Beyer

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 15.—Definite announcement that Mrs. Emma Fritzen Beyer was murdered by a person or persons interested in preventing her from exposing a gigantic spy plot in this country was made today.

Minersville Banker Dies PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 15.—Charles H. Keen, president of the First National Bank of Minersville, died this morning after an illness of two years.

Brother Germanus Succumbs Brother Germanus, formerly a professor at La Salle College, Rowd and stiles streets, died last Thursday night at St. Francis' Industrial School, Edinboro, where he had been stationed since September. He was fifty-three years old.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU TO AID ROAD TRAVEL

Commissioner O'Neil Arrives for Reports to Appoint Along Lincoln Highway

HARRISBURG, Dec. 15. Highway Commissioner J. D. O'Neil announced today that arrangements had been made with Henry P. Ryall, superintendent of the Middle West office of the United States Government Weather Bureau, for the establishment of stations at intervals along the Lincoln Highway, to be in charge of the Department of the State Highway Department.

Use Army Locomotives Here Fifty large freight locomotives just completed by the Baldwin Locomotive Works for the use of the American Expeditionary Forces in France have been temporarily diverted, by order of the Government, for use on the Pennsylvania, the Reading and other eastern railroads.

Captain of Marines Killed by Auto WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Captain John H. Martin, of the First Brigade, United States Marines, Haiti, was killed in an automobile accident Thursday near Front Street, Martin, born in Detroit in 1892, joined the marine corps in 1912 and had served as aid on Brigadier General Cole's staff.

Hanscom's Xmas Bulletin of good things now ready. Be sure to get a copy before making order. 1232 Market St.

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Columbia Records Oscar Seagle, baritone, is one of the few American artists who are classed with the great masters in the field of song. His interpretative ability, his glorious voice, his faultless diction, his thorough musicianship, combine in making him a singer of whom his country may well be proud.